

Town of Shelby. He and his nephew, Colonel Andrew Ellicott built a saw mill and a year later the first grist mill, while also improving the water supply in the town. The residents were happy to welcome this innovative family into their community. The Ellicott's played a significant role in the early founding of the Town of Shelby and left a lasting impact that would allow it to thrive for over two centuries.

On this historic day, I would like to formally congratulate the Town of Shelby on its 200th Anniversary. In 1818, Shelby was officially founded thanks to the Ellicott family's industrious attitude. To this day, Shelby is still a strong farming community in Western New York.

LAMAR SCHOOL DISTRICT EMPLOYEES RECOGNIZED FOR 25 YEARS OF SERVICE

**HON. PETE OLSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 14, 2018*

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Diana Martinez, Tracy Madrigal, Becky Guntle, Sandra Leal, Carole Serna, Juan Nava, Kimberly Reyhons, Lorenzo Longoria and Pamela Clayton for their 25 years of service and dedication to the Lamar Consolidated Independent School District (CISD).

Diana, Tracy, Becky, Sandra, Carole, Juan, Kimberly, Lorenzo and Pamela have each worked for the school district for twenty five years. They were recently recognized by Lamar CISD for their dedication to our children and our schools. Their tenure and commitment to educational excellence is a true asset for our students and our region.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to these exceptional employees for 25 years with Lamar CISD. I thank them for their commitment to education and to our kids.

HONORING FLAG DAY

**HON. DON BACON**

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 14, 2018*

Mr. BACON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Flag Day; the day in 1777 that the Second Continental Congress adopted the red, white and blue. Old Glory as we call her, flies proudly across our country and represents the home of the free and the brave. As the song 'Grand Old Flag' says, the flag is the "emblem of the land I love."

I love the land that I protected in uniform for nearly 30 years. The land that has given me freedom of speech and religion. The land that has allowed me to work hard in a profession of my choice and provide for my family.

It's also the land that encourages our youth to be proud of our flag. In fact, two young patriotic friends of mine are sharing their love for Old Glory by encouraging youth in America to host Flag Day events. William and Morgan Iler, who are eleven and seven respectively, are encouraging states to host events in their state, where children will get together at their

own event and read the Declaration of Independence. As the next generation stands for liberty, they are showing Americans that we are the greatest nation in the world. By doing this on Flag Day they are also recognizing that Old Glory is the symbol of freedom, recognizing the home of the free and the brave.

I salute and recognize these young patriots and other children who are participating in this event to recognize the red, white and blue and the freedoms she represents.

RECOGNIZING NICK ALLEN, NATHAN MICKLEY, KEEGAN ANDERSON, AND KOBY BRACKEMEYER FOR THEIR 1A STATE TITLE IN THE 4X800 RELAY

**HON. CHERI BUSTOS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 14, 2018*

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate sophomores Nick Allen, Nathan Mickley, Keegan Anderson, and Koby Brackemeyer from Morrison High School, for earning the Class 1A title for the Illinois State Championship in the 4x800 relay.

Nick Allen, Nathan Mickley, Keegan Anderson, and Koby Brackemeyer took first in finals with a time of 8:00.59 clocking to claim their title as state champions, and I would like to recognize them for their tremendous accomplishment. Their dedication and passion for their sport meant that they were determined to win gold. As a former athlete, I understand the amount of hard work and commitment to be awarded such a title. They are an example of the importance of dedication and a strong work ethic. I am proud there is such young talent in our community, and to see them represent Morrison throughout the state.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate Nick Allen, Nathan Mickley, Keegan Anderson, and Koby Brackemeyer on their title, and I join the rest of the community in wishing them every success in the future.

MRS. ELVIRA ORTIZ 100 YEARS OLD

**HON. NORMA J. TORRES**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 14, 2018*

Mrs. TORRES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a constituent of the 35th District, Mrs. Elvira Ortiz of Chino, California in celebration of her 100th birthday.

Elvira was born July 9, 1918 in Chino, California, and has resided there for most of her life. Having lived in her same home for sixty years, she has made precious memories with her loved ones in Chino.

As Elvira celebrates her 100th birthday, she has much to be proud of. Elvira's husband, the late Jesus Pacheco Ortiz, was her hero. Jesus was in the United States Army Air Corps during World War II. He participated in air combat as a tail gunner as well as other positions on his aircraft. At one point, Jesus's aircraft was shot down over Europe and survived only because of the graciousness of a group of farmers who hid him and his crew.

Elvira is devoted to her family and is loved and cherished by them in return. She and Jesus had four wonderful children, Lucille (deceased), Olivia, Michael, and George. She's held many titles over her long life, but the one she is most proud of is grandmother and great-grandmother.

Mrs. Ortiz has been a valuable member of her community. She is a practicing Catholic and has always devoted her extra time to her local church, Saint Margaret Mary Catholic Church in Chino, California.

Having lived in Chino for almost all her life, Elvira has seen many, many positive changes take place in the area, including the tremendous growth and improvement of the Ontario International Airport.

Her one hundred years is a testament to the "greatest generation" that ever lived in these United States of America. I am happy to wish Mrs. Elvira Ortiz a happy 100th birthday.

LAMAR SCHOOL DISTRICT EMPLOYEES RECOGNIZED FOR 30 YEARS OF SERVICE

**HON. PETE OLSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 14, 2018*

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sandra Guyton, Adrianna Zamora and Gay Clark for their 30 years of service and dedication to the Lamar Consolidated Independent School District (CISD).

Sandra, Adrianna and Gay have each worked for the school district for thirty years. They were recently recognized by Lamar CISD for their dedication to our children and our schools. Their tenure and commitment to educational excellence is a true asset for our students and our region.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Sandra Guyton, Adrianna Zamora and Gay Clark on 30 years with Lamar CISD. I thank them for their commitment to education and to our kids.

HONORING MS. LISA SIMS

**HON. DOUG COLLINS**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 14, 2018*

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Gillsville's Lisa Sims for the perseverance she has demonstrated in her battle against multiple sclerosis.

In 1997, the doctor diagnosed Lisa with MS, an incurable disease that causes the body's immune system to attack the central nervous system. She left the doctor's office that day understanding that she would become paralyzed from the waist down.

Despite her diagnosis, Lisa has never stopped fighting MS and can still walk today.

She tried various medications and weight loss programs over the years, which initially gave her hope. Ultimately, Lisa realized she needed to incorporate exercise into her daily routine.

She joined a gym three years ago, and, since then, she has regained most of her

strength. Despite the daily challenges she faces living with MS, Lisa still sets goals for herself and hopes to complete a half marathon one day.

Mr. Speaker, Lisa Sims inspires Northeast Georgians to approach difficult times with relentless energy. I share Lisa's optimism for the future and look forward to hearing that she has conquered that half marathon.

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FLAG DAY

**HON. TED POE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 14, 2018*

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today, we honor the most recognizable symbol of our democracy: the United States flag. On June 14, 1777, the Continental Congress officially established a flag for the fledgling nation, decreeing "that the flag of the United States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation."

Throughout our nation's history, "Old Glory" has been an ever-present emblem of America. It billowed in the wind outside of Independence Hall as the Founding Fathers drafted the Constitution. It inspired the young poet Francis Scott Key in Baltimore Harbor in 1814, who penned the words of our national anthem after watching Fort McHenry withstand a British siege. It traveled west with the Lewis and Clark expedition and eventually with the pioneers as America expanded from sea to shining sea. It was raised high above Mount Suribachi by the Marines on Iwo Jima during World War II. It has flown at the North Pole, at the summit of Mount Everest, and on the moon.

Both in good times and in bad, the Star Spangled Banner has always yet waved for

the American people. Olympic champions held the flag above their heads in triumph, and first-responders have comforted victims of tragedies in its shadow. Our students pledge their allegiance to it each morning, and soldiers and peace officers salute it as they lay their fallen comrades to rest. It continues to remind us of our past, present, and future, flying permanently over the village green of Lexington, Massachusetts, the White House, and all United States customs ports of entry.

Above all, the flag is an embodiment of our identity. Today, the fifty stars in the sea of blue are a visual reminder of our national motto: *e pluribus unum*. Out of many states came one united nation, and fifty stars, thirteen stripes, and a sea of blue together form a vital component of our one national flag.

Mr. Speaker, all Americans should cherish and respect the flag. Old Glory honors the sacrifice of American men and women who died for the country, guides us to make tough decisions today, and inspires future generations to dream big. Thus, the Stars and Stripes will forever proudly fly over the land of the free and the home of the brave.

And that is just the way it is.

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RECOGNIZING KYLE KRUTHOFF  
FOR HIS 1A STATE TITLE IN  
POLE VAULTING

**HON. CHERI BUSTOS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 14, 2018*

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Kyle Kruthoff, a junior from Erie High School, for earning the Class 1A title for the Illinois State Championship in pole vaulting.

Kyle Kruthoff cleared 15 feet, 6 inches to claim his title as state champion, and I would

like to recognize Kyle for his tremendous accomplishment. Kyle's dedication and passion for his sport meant that he was determined to win gold. As a former athlete, I understand the amount of hard work and commitment to be awarded such a title. Kyle is an example of the importance of dedication and a strong work ethic. I am proud there is such young talent in our community, and to see him represent Erie throughout the state.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate Kyle Kruthoff on his title, and I join the rest of the community in wishing him every success in the future.

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KEN WALLA RECOGNIZED FOR 35  
YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE  
LAMAR CONSOLIDATED INDE-  
PENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

**HON. PETE OLSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 14, 2018*

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ken Walla for his 35 years of service and dedication to the Lamar Consolidated Independent School District (CISD).

Ken has worked for the school district for thirty five years. He was recently recognized by Lamar CISD for his dedication to our children and our schools. His tenure and commitment to educational excellence is a true asset for our students and our region.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Ken Walla on 35 years with Lamar CISD. I thank him for his commitment to education and to our kids.